

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A microemulsion composition, comprising  
matalaxyl-M as active ingredient;  
emulsifier which essentially comprises polyoxyalkylene tristyrylphenyl ether, and further  
comprises one or more selected from the group consisting of calcium salt of alkylbenzene  
sulfonic acid and sodium salt of dialkyl succinic acid;  
one or more aqueous solvents selected from the group consisting of lower alcohol, glycol,  
glycol ether, lactone, pyrrolidone, amine and amide; and  
water, wherein the content of water is 5 to 50 weight %.
2. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyoxyalkylene  
tristyrylphenyl ether is polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether or  
polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene tristyrylphenyl ether, wherein the average added mole number  
of ethyleneoxide is 10 to 40 moles in case of the polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether, and  
wherein the average added mole number of ethyleneoxide is 15 to 40 moles and the average added  
mole number of propyleneoxide is 1 to 10 moles, in case of polyoxyethylene/polyoxypropylene  
tristyrylphenyl ether.
3. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the average added mole  
number of ethyleneoxide is 15 to 30 moles in case of the polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether,  
and wherein the average added mole number of ethyleneoxide is 15 to 35 moles and the average  
added mole number of propyleneoxide is 1 to 5 moles, in case of  
polyoxyethylene/polyoxpropylene tristyrylphenyl ether.
4. (Original) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the average added mole  
number of ethyleneoxide is 17 to 30 moles in case of the polyoxyethylene tristyrylphenyl ether,  
and wherein the average added mole number of ethyleneoxide is 20 to 30 moles and the average  
added mole number of propyleneoxide is 1 to 3 moles, in case of polyoxyethylene/polypropylene  
tristyrylphenyl ether.

5. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the calcium salt of alkylbenzene sulfonic acid is calcium salt of dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid.

6. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the sodium salt of dialkyl succinic acid is sodium salt of di(2-ethylhexyl) succinic acid.

7. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the emulsifier is a mixture of polyoxyalkylene tristyrylphenyl ether and calcium salt of dodecylbenzene sulfonic acid.

8. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the emulsifier is a mixture of polyoxyalkylene tristyrylphenyl ether and sodium salt of di(2-ethylhexyl) succinic acid.

9. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the aqueous solvent is one or more selected from the group consisting of propyleneglycol, ethyleneglycol, diethyleneglycol, dipropyleneglycol, tripropyleneglycol, methanol, ethanol, isopropanol, normal propanol, tetrahydrofuryl alcohol, N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone,  $\gamma$ -butyl lactone, propyleneglycol monomethylether, diethyleneglycol monobutyl ether, dipropyleneglycol monomethylether, triethyleneglycol monobutylether, triethanol, amine, N,N-dimethylformamide, and N,N-dimethylacetamide.

10. (Original) The composition according to claim 9, wherein the aqueous solvent is one or more selected from the group consisting of propyleneglycol, ethanol, isopropanol, and normal propanol.

11. (Original) The composition according to claim 10, wherein the aqueous solvent is propyleneglycol.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim I, wherein the content of

metalaxyl-M is 10 to 70 weight %.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 12, wherein the content of metalaxyl-M is 20 to 60 weight %.

14. (Previously Presented) The composition according in claim 13, wherein the content of metalaxyl-M is 40 to 60 weight %.

15. (Previously Presented) The composition according in claim 1, wherein the content of aqueous solvent is 5 to 50 weight %.

16. (Previously Presented) The composition according claim 15, wherein the content of aqueous solvent is 10 to 30 weight %.

17. (Previously Presented) The composition according is claim 16, wherein the content of aqueous solvent is 10 to 20 weight %.

18. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the content of emulsifier is 5 to 50 weight %.

19. (Previously Presented) The composition according in claim 18, wherein the content of emulsifier is 10 to 30 weight %.

20. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 19, wherein the content of emulsifier is 10 to 20 weight %.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The composition according ~~claim 21~~ claim 1, wherein the content of water is 20 to 40 weight %.

23. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, further comprising 0 to 0.2 weight % of aqueous pigment.

24. (Previously Presented) A microemulsion composition obtained by diluting the composition according to claim 1 with water.

25. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling plant disease, characterized in that the composition according to claim 1 is applied to plant or habitat of pathogenic bacterium by diluting the composition with water in the biologically effective level.

26. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein said emulsifier consists of polyoxyalkylene tristyrylphenyl ether and one or more of calcium salt of alkylbenzene sulfonic acid and sodium salt of dialkyl succinic acid.